

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1-79. (Canceled)

80. (Currently Amended) A method of directing expression of a heterologous nucleic acid in a meristematic cell(s) of a plant, the method comprising introducing into the plant an expression cassette comprising an *ANT* promoter operably linked to a heterologous polynucleotide, wherein the *ANT* promoter is as shown in ~~comprises a sequence at least 80% identical to~~ SEQ ID NO: 3.

81. (Canceled)

82. (Currently Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising an *ANT* promoter sequence as shown in ~~that is at least 80% identical to~~ SEQ ID NO: 3.

83. (Original) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 82, further comprising a heterologous polynucleotide operably linked to the *ANT* promoter sequence.

84. (Canceled)

85-89. (Canceled)